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About three *thousand* years ago, navigation of the world for remote voyages was greater than at this day. *Bacon.*

2. Proverbially, a great number.

So fair, and *thousand*, *thousand* times more fair  
She seem'd, when the preient was to fight. *Fa. Qu.*  
For harbour at a *thousand* doors they knock'd,  
Not one of all the *thousand* but was lock'd. *Dryden.*  
Search the herald's roll,  
Where thou shalt find thy famous pedigree,  
Drawn from the root of some old Tuscan tree,  
And thou, a *thousand* off, a fool of long degree. *Dryden.*  
Though he regulates himself by justice, he finds a *thousand*  
occasions for generosity and compassion. *Addison's Spect.*  
How many *thousands* pronounce boldly on the affairs of the  
publick, whom God nor men never qualified for such judg-  
ment. *Watts.*

THOUSANDTH. *adj.* [from *thousand*.] The hundredth ten  
times told; the ordinal of a thousand.

He that will divide a minute into a thousand parts, and  
break but a part of a *thousandth* part in the affairs of love, it  
may be said of him, that Cupid hath clapt him o' th' shoulder,  
but I'll warrant him heart whole. *Shakespeare. As you like it.*  
Such is the poet's lot: what luckier fate  
Does on the works of grave historians wait:  
More time they spend, in greater toils engage,  
Their volumes swell beyond the *thousandth* page. *Dryden.*  
The French hugonots are many thousand witnesses to the  
contrary; and I wish they deserved the *thousandth* part of the  
good treatment they have received. *Swift's Miscel.*

THOWL. *n. f.* A piece of timber by which oars are kept in  
their places when a rowing. *Anf.*

THRALL. *n. f.* [from *thral*, Saxon.]

1. A slave; one who is in the power of another.  
No *thralls* like them that inward bondage have. *Sidney.*  
But lilt the will the conquest challenge need,  
Let her accept me as her faithful *thrall*. *Spenser.*  
Look gracious on thy prostrate *thrall*. *Shakespeare.*  
The two delinquents  
That were the slaves of drink, and *thralls* of sleep. *Shak.*  
I know I'm one of nature's little kings;  
Yet to the least and vilest things am *thrall*. *Davies.*  
That we may so suffice his vengeful ire,  
Or do him mightier service, as his *thralls*  
By right of war, whate'er his business be. *Milton.*

2. Bondage; state of slavery or confinement.  
And laid about him, till his nose  
From *thrall* of ring and cord broke loose. *Hudibras, p. i.*

To THRALL. *v. a.* *Spenser.* [from the noun.] To enslave;  
to bring into the power of another.  
Let me be a slave t' atchieve the maid,  
Whose sudden fight hath *thrall'd* my wounded eye. *Shak.*  
State men purge vice with vice, and may corrode  
The bad with bad, a spider with a toad.  
For so ill *thralls* not them, but they tame ill,  
And make her do much good against her will. *Dome.*  
The author of nature is not *thrall'd* to the laws of na-  
ture. *Drummond.*

THRALDOM. *n. f.* [from *thrall*.] Slavery; servitude.  
How far am I inferior to thee in the state of the mind?  
and yet know I that all the heavens cannot bring me to such  
*thrall'dom*. *Sidney, b. i.*  
He swore with fobs,  
That he would labour my delivery.  
—Why, so he doth, when he delivers you  
From this earth's *thrall'dom* to the joys of heav'n. *Shakespeare.*  
This country, in a great part desolate, groaneth under the  
Turkish *thrall'dom*. *Sandys.*  
He shall rule, and she in *thrall'dom* live. *Dryden.*  
They tell us we are all born slaves; life and *thrall'dom* we  
entered into together, and can never be quit of the one till  
we part with the other. *Locke.*

THRAPPLE. *n. f.* The windpipe of any animal. They still  
retain it in the Scottish dialect.

To THRASH. *v. a.* [from *thraschen*, Saxon; *derfchen*, Dutch.]

1. To beat corn to free it from the chaff. This is written va-  
riously *thrash* or *thrash*, but *thrash* is agreeable to etymology.  
First *thrash* the corn, then after burn the straw. *Shakespeare.*  
Gideon *thrashed* wheat to hide it. *Judge, viii. 11.*  
Here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and *thrashing* instruments  
for wood. *2 Sam. xxiv. 22.*  
In the fun your golden grain display,  
And *thrash* it out, and winnow it by day. *Dryden.*  
This is to preserve the ends of the bones from an inca-  
pacity, which they being hard bodies would contract from  
a swift motion; such as that of running or *thrashing*. *Ray.*  
Out of your clover well dried in the fun, after the first  
*thrashing*, get what seed you can. *Mortimer.*

2. To beat; to drub.  
Thou feisty valiant ass! thou art here but to *thrash* Tro-  
jans, and thou art bought and sold among those of any wit  
like a Barbarian slave. *Shakespeare. Troil. and Cressida.*

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To THRASH. *v. n.* To labour; to drudge.  
I rather wou'd be Mevius, *thrash* for rhimes  
Like his, the corn and scandal of the times,  
Than that Philippick fatally divine,  
Which is inscrib'd the second, should be mine. *Dryden.*

THRASH. *n. f.* [from *thrasch*.] One who thrashes corn.  
Our soldiers, like a lazy *thrasher* with a flail,  
Fell gently down, as if they struck their friends. *Shakespeare.*  
Not barely the plowman's pains, the reaper's and *thrasher's*  
toil, and the baker's sweat, is to be counted into the bread  
we eat: the labour of those employed about the utensils must  
all be charged. *Locke.*

THRASHING-FLOOR. *n. f.* An area on which corn is beaten.  
In vain the hinds the *thrashing-floor* prepare,  
And exercise their flails in empty air. *Dryden.*  
Delve of convenient depth your *thrashing-floor*  
With temper'd clay, then fill and face it o'er. *Dryden.*

THRASYNICAL. *adj.* [from *Thraso*, a boaster in old comedy.]  
Boastful; bragging.  
His humour is lofty, his discourse peremptory, his general  
behaviour vain, ridiculous, and *thrasynical*. *Shakespeare.*  
There never was any thing so sudden but the fight of two  
rams, and Caesar's *thrasynical* brag of, I came, saw, and  
overcame. *Shakespeare. As you like it.*

THRAVE. *n. f.* [Sax. Saxon.]

1. A herd; a drove. Out of use.

2. The number of two dozen.

THREAD. *n. f.* [from *thrað*, Saxon; *draed*, Dutch.]

1. A small line; a small twist.  
Let not Bardolph's vital *thread* be cut  
With edge of penny cord and vile reproach. *Shakespeare.*  
Though the slender *thread* of dyed silk looked on single  
seem devoid of redness, yet when numbers of these *threads*  
are brought together, their colour becomes notorious. *Bosch.*  
He who sat at a table but with a sword hanging over his  
head by one single *thread* or hair, surely had enough to check  
his appetite. *Scrub's Sermons.*  
The art of pleasing is the skill of cutting to a *thread*, be-  
twixt flattery and ill-manners. *L'Estrange.*

2. Any thing continued in a course; uniform tenor.  
The eagerness and trembling of the fancy doth not always  
regularly follow the same even thread of discourse, but strikes  
upon some other thing that hath relation to it. *Burnet.*  
The gout being a disease of the nervous parts, makes it  
so hard to cure; diseases are so as they are more remote in  
the *thread* of the motion of the fluids. *Arbutnot.*

THREADBARE. *adj.* [from *thread* and *bare*.]

1. Deprived of the nap; wore to the naked threads. *Fa. Qu.*  
*Threadbare* coat, and cobbled shoes he wore.  
The clothier means to dress the commonwealth, and let a  
new nap upon it: he had need; for 'tis *threadbare*. *Shak.*  
Will any freedom here from you be borne,  
Whose cloaths are *threadbare*, and whose cloaks are torn?  
*Dryden's Juvenal.*

2. Worn out; trite.  
A hungry lean-fac'd villain,  
A mere anatomy, a mountebank,  
A *threadbare* juggler, and a fortune-teller. *Shakespeare.*  
Many writers of moral discourses run into stale topics and  
*threadbare* quotations, not handling their subject fully and  
closely.  
If he understood trade, he would not have mentioned this  
*threadbare* and exploded project. *Child in Trade.*

To THREAD. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To pass through with a thread.  
The largest crooked needle, with a ligature of the size of  
that I have *threaded* it with in taking up the spermatick ves-  
sels. *Sharp's Surgery.*

2. To pass through; to pierce through.  
Thus out of season *threading* dark-eyed night. *Shakespeare.*  
Being prest to th' war,  
Ev'n when the nave of the state was touch'd,  
They would not *thread* the gates. *Shakespeare. Coriolanus.*

THRE'ADEN. *adj.* [from *thread*.] Made of thread.  
Behold the *threaden* sails,  
Borne with th' invisible and creeping wind,  
Draw the huge bottoms through the furrow'd sea. *Shak.*

To THREAT. *v. a.* A country word denoting to argue much  
or contend. *Anf.*

THREAT. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Menace; denunciation of  
ill.  
There is no terror, Cassius, in your *threats*. *Shakespeare.*  
The emperor perceiving that his *threats* were little regard-  
ed, regarded little to threaten any more. *Hayward.*  
Do not believe  
Those rigid *threats* of death: ye shall not die.

To THREAT. *v. a.* [from *threat*, Saxon: *threat* is seldom  
used but in poetry.]

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1. To menace; to denounce evil.  
Death to be with'd  
Though *threaten'd*, which no worse than this can bring. *Milton.*

2. To menace; to terrify, or attempt to terrify, by denouncing  
evil.  
What *threat* you me with telling of the king?  
Tell him and spare not. *Shakespeare. Richard III.*  
That it spread no further, straitly *threaten* them that they  
speak henceforth to no man in this name. *Acts iv. 18.*  
The void profound  
Wide gaping, and with utter loss of being  
*Threatens* him. *Milton.*  
Æneas their assault undaunted did abide,  
And thus to Lausus, loud with friendly *threatning* cry'd. *Dryden's Virgil.*  
This day black omens *threaten* the brightest fair,  
That e'er deserv'd a watchful spirit's care. *Pope.*

3. To menace by action.  
Void of fear,  
He *threaten'd* with his long pretended spear.  
The noise increases as the billows roar.  
When rowling from afar they *threat* the shore. *Dryden.*

THREATENER. *n. f.* [from *threaten*.] Menacer; one that  
threatens.  
Be stirring as the time; be fire with fire;  
Threaten the *threatener*, and outface the brow  
Of bragging horror. *Shakespeare. King John.*  
The fruit, it gives you life  
To knowledge by the *threat* ne? *Milton's Par. Lost.*

THREATENINGLY. *adv.* [from *threaten*.] With menace; in  
a threatening manner.  
The honour that thus flames in your fair eyes,  
Before I speak, too *threatningly* replies. *Shakespeare.*

THREATFUL. *adj.* [from *threat* and *full*.] Full of threats; mina-  
cious.  
Like as a warlike brigandine applide  
To fight, lays forth her *threatful* pikes afore,  
The engines which in them sad death do hide. *Spenser.*

THREE. *adj.* [from *three*, Saxon; *dry*, Dutch; *tri*, Welsh and  
Erie; *tres*, Lat.] Two and one.  
Prove this a prosperous day, the *three-nook'd* world  
Shall bear the olive freely. *Shakespeare. Ant. and Cleopatra.*  
If you speak *three* words, I will *three* times report you the  
whole *three* words. *Bacon's Nat. Hist. No. 249.*  
Great Atreus sons, Tydides fixt above,  
With *three-agg'd* Nestor.  
Jove builds the *three-fork'd* thunder from above. *Addison.*  
These *three* and *three* with other bands we ty'd. *Pope.*  
Down to these worlds I trod the dismal ways.  
And dragg'd the *three-mouth'd* dog to upper day. *Pope.*  
A trait needle, such as gloves use, with a *three-edged*  
point, useful in sewing up dead bodies. *Sharp.*

2. Proverbially a small number.  
Away, thou *three-inch'd* fool; I am no beast. *Shakespeare.*  
A base, proud, shallow, beggarly, *three-suited*, filthy,  
worsted stocking knave. *Shakespeare. King Lear.*

THREEFOLD. *adj.* [from *three* and *fold*.] *Three* repeated;  
consisting of three.  
A *threefold* cord is not easily broken. *Ecclesi. iv. 12.*  
By a *threefold* justice the world hath been governed from  
the beginning: by a justice natural, by which the parents and  
elders of families governed their children, in which the obe-  
dience was called natural piety: again, by a justice divine,  
drawn from the laws of God; and the obedience was called  
conscience: and lastly, by a justice civil, begotten by both the  
former; and the obedience to this we call duty. *Raleigh.*  
A *threefold* offering to his altar brings,  
A bull, a ram, a goat. *Pope's Odyssey.*

THREEPENNY. *n. f.* [from *three* and *pence*.] A small silver coin va-  
lued at three pence.  
A *threepence* bow'd would hire me,  
Old as I am to queen it. *Shakespeare. Henry VIII.*  
Laying a cautick, I made an scar the compass of a *three-  
pence*, and gave vent to the matter. *Wise man's Surgery.*

THRE'EPENNY. *adj.* [from *three* and *penny*.] Vulgar; mean.

THRE'EPILE. *n. f.* [from *three* and *pile*.] An old name for good  
velvet.  
I, in my time, wore *threepile*, but am out of service. *Shak.*

THRE'EPLED. *adj.* Set with a thick pile; in another place  
it means to mean piled one on another.  
Thou art good velvet; thou'rt a *threepild* piece: I had as  
lieve be English kersey, as be pild as thou art. *Shakespeare.*

THREESCORE. *adj.* [from *three* and *score*.] *Three* twenty; sixty.  
*Threescore* and ten I can remember well. *Shakespeare.*  
Their lives before the flood were abbreviated after, and  
contracted unto hundreds and *threescores*. *Brown.*  
By chase our long-lived fathers earn'd their food;  
Toil string the nerves, and purify'd the blood:  
But we their sons, a pauper'd race of men,  
Are dwindl'd down to *threescore* years and ten. *Dryden.*

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THRENO'DY. *n. f.* [from *threnos*.] A song of lamentation.

THRESHER. *n. f.* properly *thrasher*.  
Here too the *thrasher* brandishing his flail,  
Bespeaks a master. *Dodley.*

THRESHING. See To THRASH.  
The careful ploughman doubting stands,  
Left on the *thrashing* floor his sheaves prove chaff. *Milton.*  
Gideon was taken from *thrashing*, as well as Cincinnatus  
from the plough, to command armies. *Locke on Education.*

THRESHOLD. *n. f.* [from *thresch*, Saxon.] The ground or step  
under the door; entrance; gate; door.  
Fair marching forth in honourable wife,  
Him at the *threshold* met she well did enterprize. *Spenser.*  
Many men, that stumble at the *threshold*,  
Are well foretold that danger lurks within. *Shakespeare.*  
Not better  
Than fill at hell's dark *threshold* t' have fat watch,  
Unnam'd, undreaded, and thy self half starv'd? *Milton.*  
Before the stary *threshold* of Jove's court  
My mansion is, where those immortal shapes  
Of bright aerial spirits live inspir'd  
In regions mild, of calm and serene air. *Milton.*  
There fought the queen's apartment, flood before  
The peaceful *threshold*, and belieg'd the door. *Dryden.*

THREW, preterite of *throw*.  
A broken rock the force of Pyrrhus *threw*:  
Full on his ankle fell the pond'rous stone,  
Burst the strong nerves, and crash'd the solid bone. *Pope.*

THRICE. *adv.* [from *three*.]

1. Three times.  
*Thrice* he assay'd it from his foot to draw,  
And *thrice* in vain to draw it did assay,  
It bootied nought to think, to rob him of his prey. *Spenser.*  
*Thrice* within this hour  
I saw him down; *thrice* up again and fighting. *Shakespeare.*

2. A word of amplification.  
*Thrice* noble lord, let me entreat of you  
To pardon me. *Shakespeare. Taming of the Shrew.*  
*Thrice*, and four times happy those  
That under Ilian walls before their parents dy'd. *Dryden.*  
To THRID. *v. a.* [this is corrupted from *thread*; in French  
*enfiler*.] To slide through a narrow passage.  
Some *thrid* the mazy ringlets of her hair,  
Some hang upon the pendants of her ear. *Pope.*

THRIFT. *n. f.* [from *thrive*.]

1. Profit; gain; riches gotten; state of prospering.  
He came out with all his clowns, horst upon such cart  
jades, and so furnished, as I thought with myself if that  
were *thrif*, I wish none of my friends or subjects ever to  
thrive. *Sidney, b. ii.*  
You some permit  
To second ills with ills, each worse than other,  
And make them dreaded to the doer's *thrif*. *Shakespeare.*  
Had I but the means  
To hold a rival place with one of them,  
I have a mind prefaces me such *thrif*.  
That I should be fortunate. *Shakespeare. Merchant of Venice.*  
Should the poor be flatter'd?  
No; let the candied tongue lick absurd pomp,  
And crook the pregnant hinges of the knee,  
Where *thrif* may follow fawning. *Shakespeare. Hamlet.*

2. Parsimony; frugality; good husbandry.  
The rest unable to serve any longer, or willing to fall to  
*thrif*, prove very good husbands. *Spenser on Ireland.*  
Out of the present sparing and untimely *thrif*, there grow  
many future inconveniences and continual charge in repairing  
and re-edifying such imperfect slight-built vessels. *Raleigh.*  
Thus heaven, though all-sufficient, shows a *thrif*  
In his economy, and bounds his gift. *Dryden.*

3. A plant.  
The *thrif* is a plant with a flower gathered into an almost  
spherical head, furnished with a common scaly empalement:  
this head is composed of several clove-gilliflowers, flowers,  
consisting of several leaves in a proper empalement, shaped  
like a funnel; in like manner the pointal rises out of the  
same empalement, and afterwards turns to an oblong seed,  
wrapt up in the empalement, as in an husk. *Miller.*

THRIFTILY. *adv.* [from *thrifty*.] Frugally; parsimoniously.  
Cromartie after fourcore went to his country-house to live  
*thrif*tly, and save up money to spend at London. *Swift.*

THRIFTINESS. *n. f.* [from *thrifty*.] Frugality; husbandry.  
If any other place you have,  
Which asks small pains but *thrif*tiness to save. *Hubberd.*  
Some are censured for keeping their own, whom tender-  
ness how to get honestly teacheth to spend discreetly; whereas  
such need no great *thrif*tiness in preserving their own, who  
assume more liberty in exacting from others. *Watson.*

THRIFTLESS. *adj.* [from *thrif*.] Profuse; extravagant.  
They in idle pomp and wanton play  
Consum'd had their goods and *thrif*tless hours,  
And thrown themselves into these heavy flowers. *Spenser.*